WINCHCOMB

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MARCH, 1921.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health,

FOR THE

WINCHCOMB RURAL DISTRICT

DURING THE YEAR 1920.

WILLIAM COX,

Winchcomb. Medical Officer of Health.

ALSO THE

Sanitary Inspector's Report,

For the Year 1920.

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Winchcomb Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

In making my Report for the year 1920, it is hardly necessary for me to describe again the natural and social conditions of the district, as I have previously and so often referred to them.

The Population in 1911 was 9647, and I estimate it at the present time at 9758.

BIRTHS.

The number of Births is 177, equal to a birth rate of 17·9 per 1000, which is again a considerable increase on previous years. Ten of these births were illegitimate.

DEATHS.

There have been 134 Deaths, including 13 that have occurred outside the district, in persons belonging to the district. This is equal to a death-rate of 13·7 per 1000, which is 2 per 1000 less than last year.

There have been 2 deaths from Measles ; 2 from Pulmonary Tuberculosis ; and 6 from Influenza. You will remember that the winter of 1919 to 1920 was unusually mild, and possibly this may have helped to lessen the death-rate, more especially amongst children and the very aged. At all events, the Birth - rate and Death - rate are extremely satisfactory.

NOTIFIED DISEASES.

5 Cases of Diphtheria.
3 ,, ,, Erysipelas.
6 ,, ,, Scarlet Fever.
1 ,, ,, Enteric (imported).
1 ,, ,, Cerebro-spinal Fever.
2 ,, ,, Ophthalmia Neonotorum.
1 ,, ,, Encephatitis Lethargica.

have been notified.

There were a great number of cases of Influenza at the beginning of the year, and also Measles was epidemic in Winchcomb and Bishop's Cleeve about the same time, but with these exceptions there has been no epidemic of any kind.

CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS.

Winchcomb Girls' and Infants' from Jan., 5th to January 26th, through Measles.

Gretton—March 3rd to March 12th, through Measles.

Bishop's Cleeve—February 23rd to March 15th, through Measles.

Gotherington—March 17th to April 5th, through Measles.

Dumbleton—July 12th to July 26th, through Chicken-Pox.

BUILDING & WATER SUPPLY.

The two matters of importance which have been, and are still engaging your attention, are Building Cottages for Working Men; and an additional Water Supply for Winchcomb, Alderton, and Cleeve Hill, both of which will be a heavy burden on local rates.

SEWAGE.

Through the enterprise and liberality of the chief land owner in the Parish, a complete system of sewage has been laid down for Stanton Village. This must add very much to the already great attraction of the Village, and makes it one of the very best amongst the Cotswolds both for beauty and salubrite.

MILK SUPPLY.

I have heard of no shortage in milk supply in any part of the district.

Appended is a report on the Sanitary Inspection of the district.

I beg to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. COX,

M.O.H.

Winchcomb,

February 28th, 1921.

Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Gentlemen,

In issuing this my last Report as Sanitary Inspector, I avail myself with pleasure of the opportunity of thanking the Members for their courtesy and kindly consideration through a period of upwards of quarter of a century. There have been occasions when we failed to see eye to eye on certain matters, yet you have freely given me credit for acting only in accordance with my absolute convictions.

New drainage schemes have been carried out during my term of office, in seven parishes. House to house inspections made over almost the whole of the district, and records kept. Several years ago, I determined that privy pits should be abolished, and but for the lamentable events of the past few years, I should have, by this time, succeeded, which would have meant much to the health of the district.

During the year 1920 there has been new drainage of 26 houses connected to the sewers.

One hundred and sixteen notices were served for the abatement of nuisances. Plans for 12 new houses have been approved, apart from the New Housing Scheme.

There has been much detail work in connection with water schemes that are not yet completed.

I beg to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHAS. GARDNER,

Sanitary Inspector.

March 18th, 1921.